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The Honorable Jon R. Thomas
Assistant Secretary for International
Narcotics Matters
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear ^{Jon}Mr. Thomas:

I appreciate your letter dated September 12, 1985, inviting me to participate in the EUR/NEA/AF Regional Narcotics Coordinators Conference to be held in Geneva, Switzerland. I am certain that, as in the past, this Conference will provide a unique and very valuable forum for the Washington narcotics control community and narcotics coordinators and DEA representatives from EUR, NEA and AF posts to exchange ideas on the full gambit of narcotics issues in these regions. I anticipate that substantive discussions at the Conference will also help the Intelligence Community to focus more specifically on information gaps related to the foreign policy of drug control that need our attention.

Although my attendance at the Conference undoubtedly would be beneficial and productive, regretfully I must remain in Washington to focus my full attention on the daily press of business in both the narcotics and counterterrorism arenas. As you know, we are working vigorously to finalize several Estimates in these areas.

In view of this, I have asked [] to attend the Conference in my place. [] be prepared to participate in any panel discussions that you consider appropriate and will be available throughout the Conference to assist in any way that he can.

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Thank you again for your kind invitation. I'm sure that you understand my disappointment in not being able to attend.

Sincerely,



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Counterterrorism and Narcotics

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